CU System – Cost Reductions, Savings and Efficiencies

Contracting

- Hired a Strategic Sourcing Contract Manager to negotiate vendor specific pricing and have achieved the following savings in the first year:
 - Office Supplies
 - \$3.1M annual spend
 - \$784K actual savings in first year
 - o Scientific Supplies
 - \$7M annual spend
 - \$700k estimated annual savings
 - o Copiers \$2.7M annual spend
 - \$800k estimated annual savings
- Centralized software licenses to simplify purchasing and significantly decrease costs.
- Utilized server-based software solutions rather than seat licenses for computer labs, creating a savings in software licenses.

Academic Efficiencies

- Eliminated 70 core courses in the Arts & Sciences curriculum at UCB, continuing to review
- Consolidated select required graduate courses across disciplines at UCB
- Closed the School of Dental Hygiene
- Phasing out the Periodontal Residency Program
- Reorganize department of Humanities as a program
- UCD consolidated course sections into larger venues using the Starz FilmCenter in the Tivoli.
- UCD Consolidated departments of theatre/film and visual arts into one department.

Student Services

- Paperless & on-line admissions, course registration, and bill payments
- The Auraria Library reduced employees while improving resource and service levels through improvements in workflow design and cross training, including consolidation of seven public desks into one integrated service point.

Facilities

- Installed occupancy sensors to better control HVAC costs
- Facilities Management installed sub-meters on irrigation systems, upgraded plant boilers, renegotiated snow removal contracts, and installed energy efficient lighting units, and reprogramming buildings during unoccupied times.

- The school reconfigured some computer management software to shut down the computer lab and classroom PC's at 10:01 pm on four days of the week and at 6:01 pm on the other three days. On low usage days (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) the classroom PC's remain shut off, and we only turn on about 30% of the lab PC's thereby saving money on electricity.
- Three used furniture fairs were held on campus sites over this last year.

System Administration

- Eliminated production of Silver & Gold Newspaper
- Eliminated System Level VP for Academic Affairs
- Reorganized University Information Services to reduce customization, outsource database management, and reduce overall staffing

Technology

- Moved from a paper campus bulletin to electronic database
- Delaying equipment replacement and maintenance
- Increased use of scanning to reduce copying costs
- Greater reliance on e-business
- Converted server applications to "virtual" machines rather than individual physical servers, reducing staffing, hardware, maintenance and energy costs.
- The Center for Faculty Development moved assessment activities online, thus saving paper costs and staff time.

Human Resources

- Increase use of on-line employee training
- Increased use of videoconferencing between AMC and Denver campuses. Videoconferencing capability was added to four rooms on the Denver campus doubling the room capacity. 396
 videoconferencing port hours were utilized for administrative meetings.